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Minutes 4/21/2011

Capital Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2011

In attendance were:

Steve Andrew*
Adam Chapdelaine
John FitzMaurice
Charles Foskett, Chairman
Steve Gilligan*
Diane Johnson
Ruth Lewis*
Anthony Lionetta
Barbara Thornton

* Denotes those not in attendance

1. Meeting Opened: The purpose of the meeting was to update the CPC on various matters in advance of the upcoming Town Meeting. CPC members were provided with various materials related to the planned meeting agenda. The memorandum of the February 10 meeting was revised and accepted without comment (good job Adam).

2. Modifications to Capital Plan: Charlie Foskett led a discussion on recent changes to the Capital Budget / Plan since the last meeting. These include:

- Giant Slide at Robbins: This was in the Plan for FY2013 @ \$25k. The Friends agreed to raise the other \$25k that is needed to replace the slide(s). The current condition of the slide is a growing concern. Updated actions under considerations are to remove/repair them for \$10k now only to then spend the planned \$50k in the very near future. This is not viewed to be a prudent expenditure of funds. The alternative is to do the replacement this coming fiscal year. The Friends can raise their contribution by July and Recreation has \$10k from an unused balance. The remaining \$15k would be provided from the Capital.

The CPC voted to go forward with the full replacement now, allow Recreation to use the residual balance and increase contribution from the antenna funds to support the replacement.

- Stratton School: The planned \$200k in FY 2014 was moved into FY 2013. This is to support a Green Repair Grant (\$480k) from the MSBA. (Funds are not in hand yet but expected soon). The Grant program now requires that the work be completed by September, rather than December as originally specified. Overall, a net savings is expected subject to the bids. CPC voted in the affirmative on this shift.

- Thompson School: The \$125k/yr item (overall \$1.6 million) has been eliminated from the CPC in that it is part of the non-exempt vote to be taken on the \$20 million for Thompson. However, the Debt service for the Thompson is in the plan.

The slight increase in the FY 2012 budget caused by the above modifications would be offset by the increase in funds taken the antenna fund. CPC voted in the affirmative of this increase.

3. Stratton School Furniture: Diane Johnson raised the matter of replacement furniture for Stratton in that the school will not likely be fully upgraded anytime soon. The CPC left open the option that if there were some savings realized on the current program, they could possibly be used for replacement furniture. Diane Johnson was asked to assess the extent of replacement needed and to obtain costs for such.
4. Thompson School: Charlie Foskett reviewed various materials relative to the school project, including the April 4 Presentation to FinCom. He noted that the Town Meeting vote needs to be non-conditional and this vote needs to be taken prior to MSBA'S vote in July in order for the Town to be able to proceed with construction in September. Starting the construction in September has a range of benefits to the Town. The vote is for \$20 million. Adam Chapdelaine will clarify with Brian Sullivan that the total amount for Thompson is \$20 million and NOT the \$20.7 million noted at the last TSBC. The CPC voted to support this vote.
5. Selling Town Assets: Charlie Foskett went through a prepared financial analysis of the Parmenter and the Crosby School Buildings. This analysis provides factual data and a solid rationale for disposing of these properties. They are a drain on resources of the Town in the range of \$100k / yr range. More importantly, these assets need to be sold to provide dollars (\$4 million) for the Thompson School rebuild. After considerable discussion, the CPC voted unanimously to support the selling of these assets.
6. Article 4: CPC voted to take no action on Article 4 given Article 57.
7. Draft Town Meeting Report: CPC members were asked to review the draft report and provide comments by this weekend so it can be finalized for Town Meeting.
8. Proposed Maintenance Plan: Barbara Thornton and Adam Chapdelaine are to meet and discuss next steps.
9. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned.